

FoodShare Wisconsin Program at a Glance

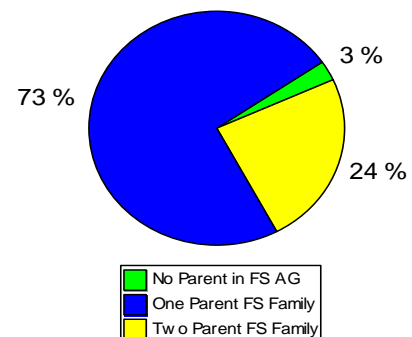
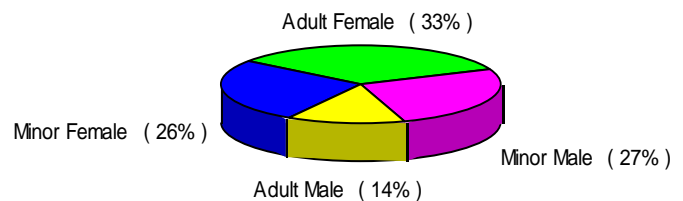
All data is for (or as of) the month of October 2004¹

NOTE OUR NEW NAME. FoodShare Wisconsin is a modernized version of the old federal food stamp program. FoodShare provides wider access, ease of use, and information about good nutrition

Who receives FoodShare Benefits in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 6% of the 5.5 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average from 1998 - 2000, 8.8% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.³
- **Assistance Groups (AG's)/Individuals:** 137,204 Assistance groups are made up of 332,626 individuals. The AG's count increased by over 3,000 from the September figures. There is an average of 2.4 people in an AG.
- **Gender:** 59% of the recipients are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 47% are adults while 53% are minors. 59% of AG's have minors in them.
- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 73% have one parent in the AG, 24% have two parents, and 3% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological or adoptive parent.
- **Parents That Are Minors:** 1,042 minors in 1023 FS AG's are parents. A slightly lower number than last month and comprises 1/3 of 1 percent of the individuals that receive FS.

Adult Status and Gender



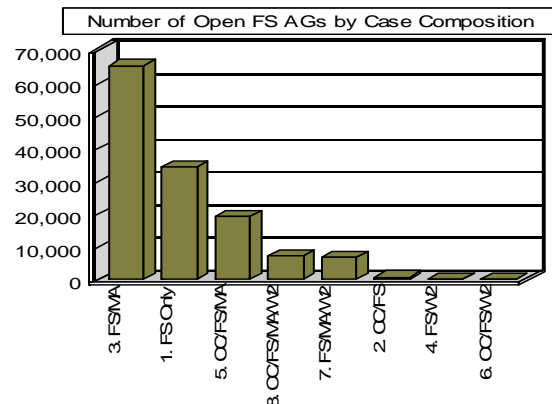
¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

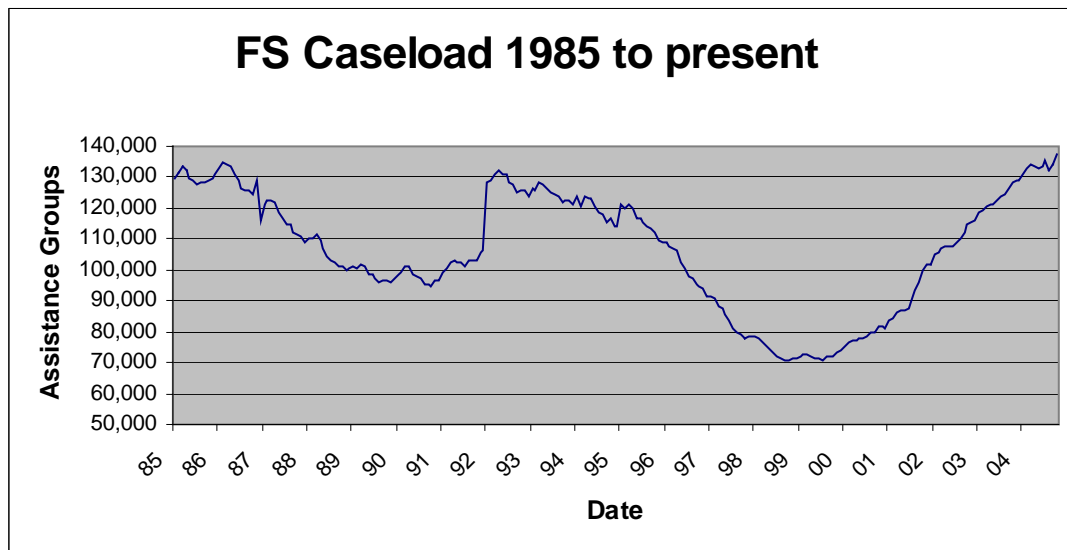
³ Source: U. S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf>

- **Case Composition:** The table and graph shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.

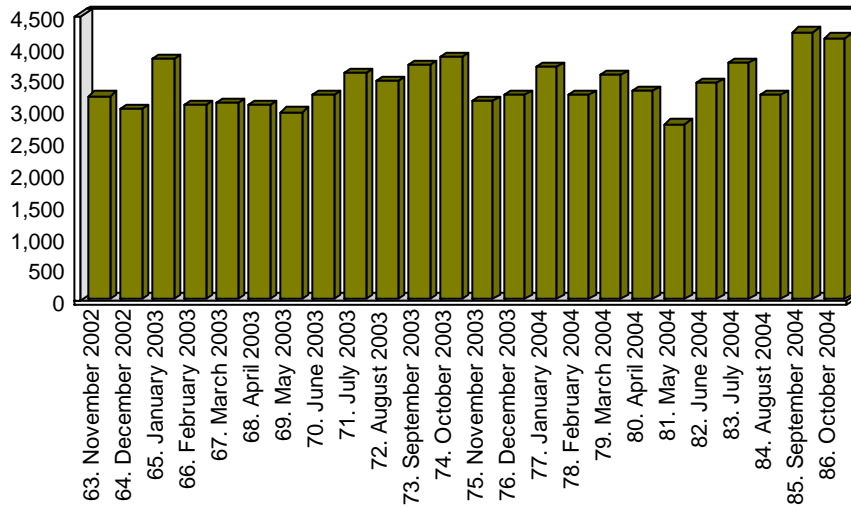
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| 3. FS/MA | 68,358 |
| 1. FS Only | 35,632 |
| 5. CC/FS/MA | 18,247 |
| 8. CC/FS/MA/W2 | 7,316 |
| 7. FS/MA/W2 | 6,718 |
| 2. CC/FS | 508 |
| 4. FS/W2 | 80 |
| 6. CC/FS/W2 | 43 |



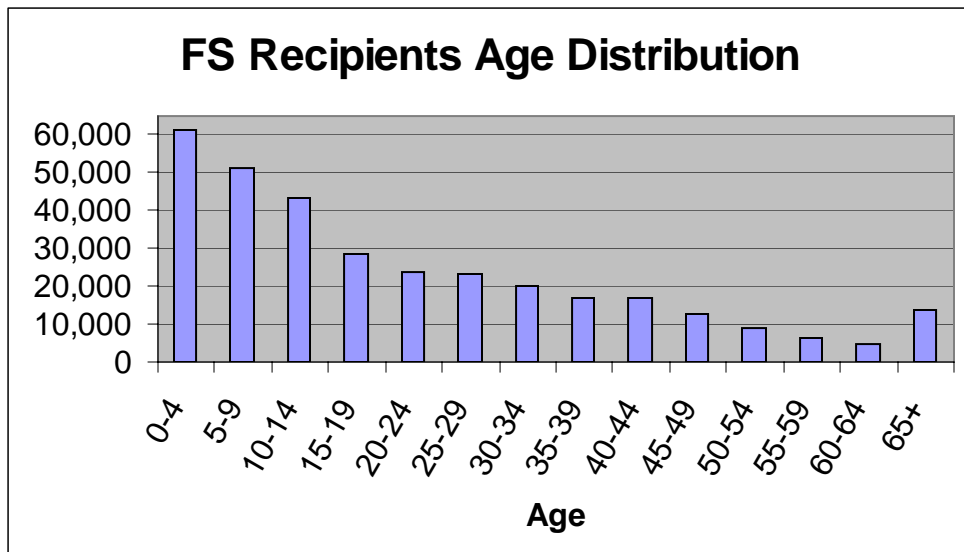
- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload had been trending steeply upwards since September of 1999, but seems to have had some volatility for the last few months due to some program .



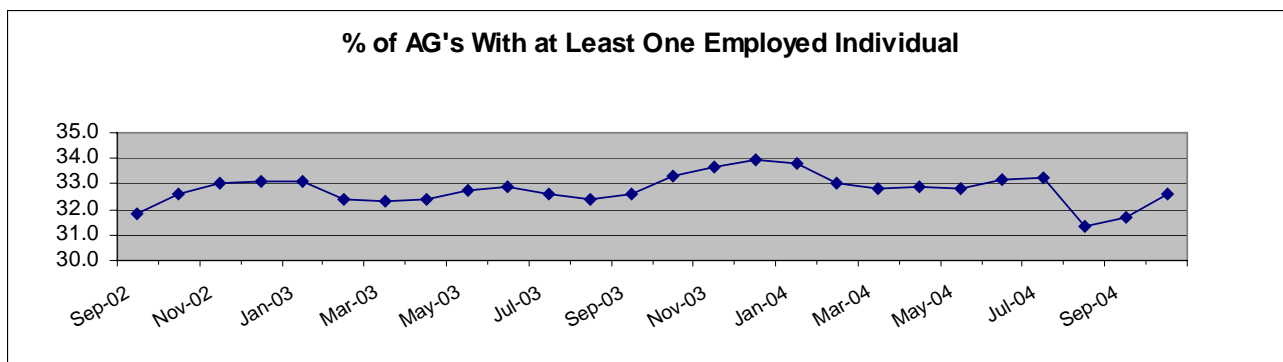
- **First Time FS AG's:** This chart shows the number of first-time FS assistance groups over the last 2 years. Only AG's that have never received FS in Wisconsin before the month shown, appear in this chart. In October, 4,128 FS AG's received FS for the first time.



- **Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in 5 year increments. Children age 4 and under has the largest number for any five year grouping making up nearly 19% of recipients. Over half of the recipients are 15 and younger.



- **Elderly/Disabled:** 17% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 41% of AG's contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled. The average allotment for AG's that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is up slightly at \$118. However, 27% of the EBD caseload is receiving an allotment of \$0 to \$10.
- **Work/Earnings:** 32.6% of the AG's have at least one person working. The average monthly earned income of those AG's' is \$1,016,⁴ a slight increase from last month. 32.9% of adult FS recipients are employed, a slight increase over last month. Currently, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 5.0 %, same as last month.⁵



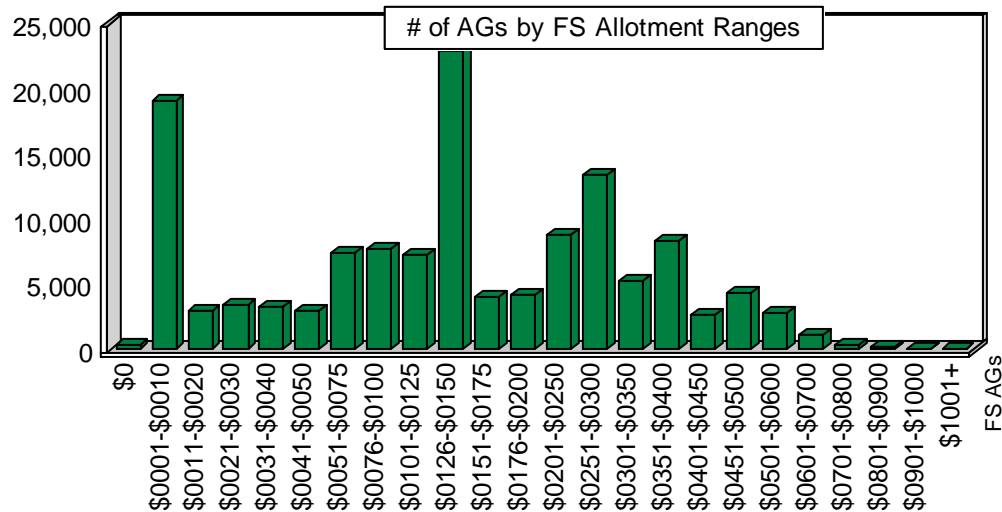
- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are working. Working families make up 27% of the statewide FS AG's, average 3.6 persons per AG, and average \$1,116 in earned income per month. Other stats are available below.

| Parent in FS AG | FS AGs | Unduplicated FS Recipients | AG Earned Income Amt | Avg. Earned Income per AG | AG Unearned Income Amt | Avg. Unearned Income per AG | FS Allotment Amt - FTM | Avg. Allotment per AG |
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| One Parent FS Family | 24,793 | 77,212 | \$24,892,894.24 | \$1,004.03 | \$4,674,105.75 | \$188.53 | \$4,921,059.00 | \$198.49 |
| Two Parent FS Family | 11,585 | 54,525 | \$15,689,244.02 | \$1,354.27 | \$2,119,624.11 | \$182.96 | \$3,264,354.00 | \$281.77 |
| Sum: | 36,378 | 131,737 | \$40,582,138.26 | | \$6,793,729.86 | Sum: | \$8,185,413.00 | |

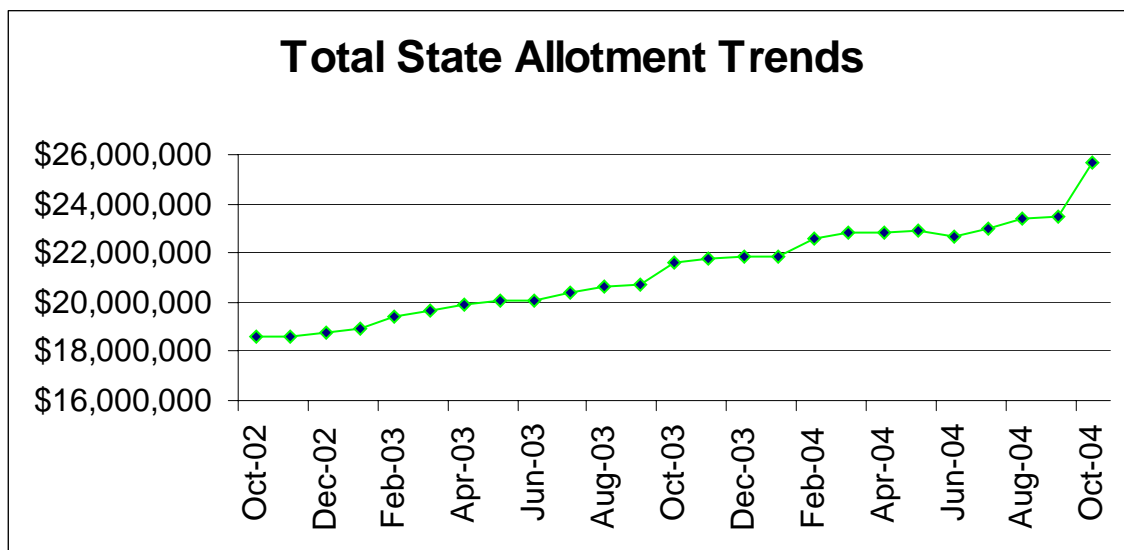
⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility for the allotment amount.

⁵ Source: DWD Labor Market Information at http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/lmi/employ_civilianlaborForce.htm

- **Allotments:** A total of \$25.6 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$187.



- **Statewide FS Allotments:** The graph below shows the total dollars in FS allotments spent on all FS AG's statewide for the past two years. There has been an increase trend since June of 2002. The total has exceeded \$25 million.



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For other months' data, go to <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/fsataglance.htm>